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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The shortened statutory period for response is set to expire August 18, 2007, 3 months from the mailing date of the last Office communication, dated May 18, 2007. In response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2007, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4.

Remarks/Arguments begins on page 8.

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